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STAND-BY POOL

Tom Cooper and Peluso plus Birsan are being asked to standby for 1974HY, 1974HY, and 1975T respectively. This skips Callahan who's in 1974HY. Current standings:

Callahan	Zimmermann	Gemignani*
Kador	Keller	Kelly*
Crowley	McGee	Swies*
McIlvaine	Brooks	Cooper*
Parks	Kovalcik	Peluso*
Fujihara	Malkus	Birsan*
		Baker

*Means you've been used. Baker is new to list.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Address changes follows:

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GAME OPENINGS

RUNESTONE, #80. John Leeder, 4910 20A St. SW, Calgary, Alta., Canada T2T 5A6. Ditto. Openings in reg. dipy, but limited to having countries limited to nationals of dippy country. Openings in variants: Flintlock II, Gesta Danorum and Bawtinhimer 8-man variant. GF are \$2 (\$1.50 IDA) plus sub. Sub rate is 1¢/page plus postage.

LIAISONS DANGEREUSES, #57. Len Lakofka, 644 West Briar Pl., Chicago, IL 60657. Ditto. Openings for novice players only. GF are \$6 or \$8 airmail. Subs are available at \$1/5 or \$2/10.

COMMAND POST, #20. John Mirassou, Rt. 2, Box 623AC, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. Openings in reg. dip. GF is \$1 plus sub. Subs are 6/\$1.10. Ditto.

MASTER MACHIAVELLIAN, #10. Michael Homeier, 238 N. Bowling Green Way, Los Angeles, CA 90049. Ditto. Openings in Colonia variant. GM is \$1.50 plus sub which is 12/\$2.50 (\$2.86 airmail).

SPECULUM, #18. Dave Kadlecsek, 1447 Sierra Creek Way, San Jose, CA 95132. Ditto. Openings in anything (just ask); specific openings in Gigaton Bomb Variant (GF \$2), Third Age (GF \$1.50), Fish's Delight (No GF), Middle Earth VII (GF \$1) and Global Variant (GF \$1.50). All GF do not include subs which is 10/\$2 or 10/\$2.30 airmail.

PELLUCIDAR, #34. Burt Labelle, Forest Park #23, Biddeford, ME 04005. Mimeo. Openings in non-dippy: Nuclear Destruction. GF is \$3.00. Rules must be purchased from: Flying Buffalo, Inc, PO Box 1467, Scottsdale, AZ 85252 at 15¢.

EREHWON, #88. Rod Walker, "Alcala", 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024. Ditto. No openings, but wants subbers badly (is going to expand circulation now). Subs are 5/\$1. Not recommended for children under the age of 21 (if you're past 21, don't worry about it).

EXPONENT, #15. Richard Kovalcik, Jr., 947 56th St., Brooklyn, NY 11219. Mimeo. Has openings in reg. dip and in a variant, Colonia plus a Black Hole variant. A reg. dipy game is also set aside for New Yorkers only. No GF, must sub. Sub rate is 10/\$1.50.

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GAME OPENINGS, CONT.

CENTURION, #5. Russel Fox, 5160 Donna Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356. Mimeo. Has openings in variants: 5-man, Ghost Diplomacy, Anchary and Napoleonic Diplomacy. No GF, but must sub. Sub is 8/\$2.00.

ARRAKIS, #46. David Head, P.O. Box 1231, Huntsville, Ont., POA 1K0, Canada (other editors include Brian Johnson and Rick Kitching.). Mimeo. Openings in reg. dip. GF is \$2 plus sub. Sub is 1¢/page plus postage. Send lump sum, they keep records.

RAGWEED, #15. Al & Tom Burkacki, 13201 Dwyer, Detroit, MI 48212. Mimeo. Openings in variant, Bioplomacy. GF is \$1.00 plus sub. Sub is 10/\$2.00. Rules for Bio is 10¢.

DIPPY NEWS

There are more letters than news items this time around, but we'll see what comes first. One thing for sure, look for Lew Pulsipher's article on federation of the International Diplomacy Association--of value for members who might wish to discuss this at the upcoming IDA General Meeting to be held at 7:30 Friday night, August 15, 1975 at the DipCon (CITEX II), in Chicago.

Diplomacy Handbook 1975 is being worked on by Scott Rosenberg, Editor of IDA HB 1975. Hiss address is 182-31 Radnor Rd., Jamaica, NY 11432. He is looking for articles and loads of it! All authors will receive a free copy of the HB, so there's a reason for contributing! Deadline for letting him know you're writing is June 30th. Deadline for submission of your material to him is July 31st. Hurry!

Cincinnati Games Convention V is being held July 19-20, 1975 at the Xavier University Armory. Featuring a \$300 Board Game Tourney and miniatures covering all eras.

Entrance fee will be \$3. Lodging can be obtained on campus for \$5 per day per person for double occupancy or \$7 single occupancy. For more information, you can write to: Cincinnati Games Convention, c/o Boardwalk, 1032 Delta Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208 or phone 871-5315.

Jim Cooper submitted a newspaper clipping from The Dallas Morning News on the post office. It seems as if Judge Seymour Wenner has asked the rates to be LOWERED for first class mail to 8½¢/ounce! The facts are that first class mail has been subsidizing. Third class bulk and parcel post would both be heavily increased. It

would seem that our Diplomacy hobby has been a major supporter of junk mail! Arrgghh!

Received Everything #21 today from Doug Beyerlein. Publishers should note that since being married he has moved to a new address: 240 Hawthorne, Apt. F, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Glad to see that the Boardman Numbers are rolling along, numerically speaking, that is!

Lord of Hosts from Robert Sacks also came today. This is a special zine covering the variant numbers assigned plus carrying reviews of variants published in the hobby. It is in all respects the counterpart of Everything for the variant branch of our hobby. Robert's address is: 15-F Tang Hall, 550 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, MA 02139. The zine is published close to quarterly. A review, by the way, of my recent, Empires I, came out with his conclusion that it was good and solid. Okay, gang! Go ahead and play it! If I have the time, I might be bringing a big board version of it to the DipCon.

Speaking of which, it is likely that I will be bringing along Lee Kendter of our very own Impassable game, 197HY and Bill McDonough. We all should be seeing you at Chicago and saying, "HY" to all of you!

Edi Birsan occasionally publishes a special issue of The Arena. The latest single sheet issue carried news of a special John Koning Award to be awarded for Outstanding Humorous Press Contribution. It is being supported and financed by three gentlemen: Birsan (Edi or BirSauron, take your pick), Stan Wrobel (the Pole from Youngstown) and John Smythe (He's always wringing his hands over a good deal!). All three were very good friends of John Koning, thus their willingness to sponsor this special award. The Award is open to everybody and the deadline for sending a copy of your press is July 18, 1975. The winner gets a Plaque with his name inscribed on it.

As you probably noticed, I'm a fan of the Civil War period. Hopefully, I will have an article on the recent SPI release, Blue & Grey, a quad of four Civil War battles: Antietam, Shiloh, Chickamauga and Gettysburg (Cemetery Hill). Herb Barents, 1142 S. 96th, RR #4, Zeeland, MI 49464, is selling this game, among others (ask for his list) for only \$9.00 (Direct from SPI it would cost you \$12.00). The quad is their best effort in Civil War battles and I recommend it for anyone who likes any of the currently available Civil War games already published.

News cut short--see letters elsewhere!

1970BJ, Spring 1916

RUSSIAN STORM TROOPERS RETAKE MOSCOW, BUT WAS TOO LATE TO STOP THE WEDDING! PEACE PROPOSAL IS DEFEATED BY ITALY AND RUSSIA! MORE WAR!!

Draw Vote: Germany, Austria--Yes; Italy, Russia--No (No vote received is a negative), defeated.

Spring 1916:

AUSTRIA(Beyerlein): A Sev S A Mos, A Mos S A Sil-War/r/(Ukr, OTB), A Sil-War, A Bul-Rum, A Gre-Bul, A Pie-Ven, A Tri S A Pie-Ven, A Alb S A Tri, A Boh-Tyr, A Vie S A Boh-Tyr
GERMANY(Mahler): A Kie S A Mun-Ruh, A Mun-Ruh, A Ber-Mun, F Nth-Bel, F Hol S F Nth-Bel.

ITALY(Phillips): F Ion-Apu, F Adr S A Tyo-Ven, A Tyo-Ven/r/(Boh, OTB), A Ven-Tus, A Ruh-Bel/a/, F Lvp H, F Nat-Iri, F Iri-Eng, A Bre-Pic, A Pic-Bur, A Bur-Mar

RUSSIA(Kelly): A Arm-Sev, A Con-Bul, A StP-Mos, A Liv S A StP-Mos, F Nwg-Nth, F Nwy S F Nwg-Nth, F Edi S F Nwg-Nth, A Lon H

SUMMER & FALL 1916 Orders due Friday, July 4, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press--

Hun's Fables: One fine day Howard the Dachshund was walking down Boyer Lane when he sees something lying in the road up ahead where it meets Impassable Way. Howard rushes up to the crossroads only to find that it was the dead body of his good friend Cock Keller which he'd seen from afar. Howard runs off in a panic of grief. Eventually he runs right into Doug the Ostrich, who asks what is wrong. Howard cries, "Who killed Cock Keller?" Doug replies, "Not I! Perhaps Andy the Eagle will know." So they both proceeded to Andy's house. They find him on his roost and ask him, "Who killed Cock Keller?" Andy replies, "Not I! However, Ron the Bear and Cock Keller were arguing when I flew over that way a few hours ago." So they all went to Ron the Bear's cave and asked him, "Who killed Cock Keller?" Ron breaks down and begins to sob, "It wasn't my fault. Andy the Eagle made me do it. He drove Cock Keller towards me. All I did was lift one paw and it was over." Howard breaks in with a resolute voice, "I can't stand your unbearable whining. Ron the Bear, I lay the curse of Cock Keller upon you. May the ghost of Cock Keller haunt you for the remainder of your pitiful existence!"
Impassable: Seems like another bear has been stepping on lizards and sinking toy cuttass! Besides, Impassable Way is never violent!

1972BG, Conclusion

Supply Center Record:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Austria:	5	5	6	7	9	10	11	11
England:	5	4	5	7	9	10	10	8
France:	5	5	5	4	3	1	0	-
Germany:	5	6	5	1	0	-	-	-
Italy:	4	4	5	6	6	7	8	10
Russia:	5	7	6	6	6	5	5	5
Turkey:	4	3	2	1	1	1	0	-
	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Austria:	11	11	11	12	12	9	4	
England:	7	6	4	4	2	2	1	
Italy:	10	11	12	13	14	15	18	
Russia:	6	6	7	5	6	8	11	

Players:

Austria: Jim Pyle (out A '11), Steven Ball (out S'14), and Ron Kelly who finished.
England: Don McCormick (out 'F 01), Tom Keller (out A'11), and Richard Swies who finished.
France: Mark Murray (defeated f'07)
Germany: John DePrisco (defeated F'05)
Italy: Joe Hrbek, winner
Russia: Jim Fish, finished
Turkey: Rihcard Tovson (defeated F'07)

My congratulations, again, to the winner, Joe Hrbek for a long and perservering game. Jim Fish also finished well with Russia and has a chance in the Championship Game. What follows is Joe's victory statement.

Having suffered through this game for three years, including a month-long cross-country trip and a seven month cruise through the Orient, it seems such a part of my monthly routine that I find it hard to believe that it is finally over. From my point of view as Italy, I can attribute my victory to luck and one firm alliance. The luck resulted from a strategic mistake by the original players of France and Germany. They had stag d an attack on Italy and Austria and had superior position; for some reason, they changed their mind and withdrew. By that time, we had formed a grand alliance between Italy, Austria, and Russia, and having made peace with each other, we went ahead with out master plan against France and Germany and England. The going was slow but steady and after a few seasons, the result became obvious. The one alliance was the original one between myself and Jim Pyle of Austria. We reached an understanding to work for a tie in 1901 and stuck to it until he quit the game. We included Russia in our
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grand alliance when it was needed for our survival but had to turn on him when he started to grow too big too fast. Our attack was well planned and it succeeded to the extent that Russia effectively became a puppet of Austria, with our guarantee of third place as a reward. When Pyle quit, I wrote Jim Fish and suggested that we keep the spoils among the original players so we pulled a nasty on Austria ((Ball)). From then on, Russia and Italy cooperated to the fullest extent and I think we both benefited despite the early bad feelings that existed between us. I think I owe a vote of thanks to both Jim Pyle and Jim Fish for their cooperation and a well done to John Boyer for running an outstanding game and 'zine.

Impassable: Sorry to see you go, Joe! Come back!

1972BW, Fall 1916

ITALY GROWS WEAKER AS STALEMATE CONTINUES!

FRANCE(Kelly): F Spa(sc)-Lyo, F Tyn S Ita A Rom, A Mar-Pie, A Bur-Mun, A Hol-Kie, F Mth S Ger A Swe-Nwy/nso/, F Bar S Ger A Swe-Nwy/nso/, A Ruh S A Hol-Kie, F Hel S F Nth

GERMANY(Davies): A Ber S Rus A Kie, A Swe S Rus A Den

ITALY(Swies): A Rom S Rus A Pie-Ven/nso/a/, F Tun S F Nap-Ion, F Nap-Ion

RUSSIA(Knudsen): A Mun S A Kie, F Aeg-Ion, F Nwy-Bar, F Ska-Nth, A Kie S A Mun, A Vie-Gal, A Pie H, F Bal S A Kie, A Den S A Kie, F StP(nc) S F Nwy-Bar

TURKEY(Abbott): A Boh S Rus A Mun, A Ven S A Tus-Rom, A Tus-Rom, F Apu-Nap, F Ion-Tyn, F Gre S Rus F Aeg-Ion, F Adr S Rus F Aeg-Ion, F Con-Smy

WINTER 1916 and SPRING 1917 Orders due Friday, July 4, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1916 Supply Center Chart:

France: Hom, Bel, Spa, Por, Hol, Lvp, Lon, Edi (10) SP

Germany: Ber, Swe (2) SP

Italy: Rom, Nap, Tun (2) SP, lost 1

Russia: Hom, Nwy, Rum, Bud, Vie, Mun, Den, Kie (11)

Turkey: Hom, Gre, Bul, Ser, Tri, Ven, Rom (9) Bl

"I can't see why you play golf with him. He's a bad loser." "I'd rather play with a bad loser than a winner any time."

1973BU, Autumn & Winter 1919

PEACE PROPOSAL IS DEFEATED!

Draw Vote: Aus (no vote), Eng, Ger--no; Italy, Russia, Turkey--yes. Defeated.

Year Change vote: Defeated 3-3, no majority.

Autumn 1919: Germany R A War-Pru, Italy R A Tyr-Ven.

Winter 1919:

AUSTRIA(Tonnesen): B A Bud

ENGLAND(Greenwell): D F Mid

GERMANY(Barents): SP

ITALY(Hulland): SP

RUSSIA(Hendry): SP

TURKEY(Blank): B F Con

SPRING 1920 Orders due Friday, July 4, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1919 Positions:

Austria: A Tyr, A Vie, A Sil, A Gal, A Bud (5); France: A Spa, F Nwy, F Iri, F Lyo, F Wes, F Naf, A StP, A Lvp (8); Germany: A Mar, A Bur, A Liv, A Ber, A Boh, F Lon, F Eng, A Pru (9); Italy: F Wal, F Tun, A Tus, A Pie, A Ven (5); Russia: A Sev, A Mos (2); Turkey: F Tyn, F Ion, F Bla, A War, F Con (5).

Press--

London(WASPS): After that last piece of poetry (sic) from Italy, His Majesty's Government ordered (in the interests of humanity) the execution of all Riff poets.

As for the lone survivor, well, we intend to send him the entire works of the "Barb"; together with a book on basic rhythm.

1973Ddl, Summer & Fall 1025

SCOTLAND WINS WAR AS IRELAND SUES FOR PEACE!

Summer 1025: Leinster R A Lei-Cas, F DrB-SIS

Fall 1025:

KYMRU(Gemignani): A Off-Cas

LEINSTER(FujiHara): A Kil S F SIS-Dub, F SIS-Dub, A Mea S A Kil H, A Cas S A Mea H/r/

MUNSTER(Fanelli): NMR. F Lei H, A Tua H, F Tra H, A Bar H

ORKNEY(Keller): F MoB-Iri, A Ros S A Lei/inc/ A Sli H/nsu/, F Don S F Wis-Isl, A Ern-Oma, F Arm S Lei F Dow H/nsu/, F Wis-Isl, F WMI-Min, F Mid H/u/

SCOTLAND(Tonnesen): A Str-Dur, A Cal-Sut, F Sut(sc)-Sky, F Min-Heb, F NIS-Dow, A Dal S F NIS-Dow, A Uri-Tar, F DrB S

F NIS-Dow, F Dun-NIS, F Dub H/r/(Plu,
Wic, OTB), F Iat S Ork F Mid-Tua/nso/
A Oss S Kym A Off-Cas, F STG-Cor, A
Dyf-Wex, F NSG C A Dyf-Wex, A Mon H,
A Car H

END GAME COMMENTS AND GM REPORT due Friday,
July 4, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1025 Supply Center Chart (FINAL):

Kymru: Brk, Cas (2) SP (No home centers to
build)
Leinster: Mea, Kil, ~~Tat~~, ~~Laf~~, Dub (3) R1
Munster: ~~Cas~~, ~~Laf~~, Lim, Tra, Lei, Tua (4) SP
Orkney: ~~Skt~~, Oma, Arm, ~~Laf~~, Sli, ~~Dof~~, Ros,
Don (5) R3
Scotland: Hom, Kin, Der, Che, ~~Dof~~, Pow, Sta,
Shr, Mon, Bue, Man, Cai, Heb, Car, Wex,
Cor, Tar, Dow, Dur (21) B4 (no more room)

Press--

Kymru: The Great Stoned Stone was outlawed
by song writers in a recent move. "If the
moon don't shine and the stars don't come
out tonight, what are we going to write our
songs about?" they said. And a move was made
to drop more rock songs on Stoney, in hopes
of getting rid of the pest. The writers then
retired to see for themselves what the
ancient and forbidden rite of Stonehenge look
like when performed by Miss Old Lucy Brown
at Mac the Knife's place.

STONEHENGE: The Great Stone continued his
incantations, "As the rising sun takes away
the lustre of the stars, thus do I take away
the strength of both the women and men that
hate me. As many enemies as ye are, looking
out against me, as I come on--of those that
hate me, do I take away the strength, as the
sun takes away the strength of persons asleep.

If anyone happens to commit nuisance at
thy door and thou will prevent that beastly
trick in future, take the poker red-hot and
put it into the excrement, and, by magnetism,
his posteriors shall become much scorched
and inflamed."

The rumbling of the heavens grew so
loud as to serve to render the very earth
shaking from the pure power of the magic
being woved by the Great Stone! He continued:

"He who forges images, she who bewitches
the malevolent aspect, the evil eye, the
malevolent lip, the finest sorcery, SPIRIT
of the heavens, conjure it! SPIRIT of the
EARTH, CONJURE IT!!" The crying of the Great
Stone woko up the dead, shattered Venus,
and a groat wind hath blew o'er the land;
the Great Stone proceded to raise a storm
over the land by dipping a rag into water,

beating it three times on a stone in the
name of Satan:

"I knock this rag upon this stone
To raise the wind in the devil's name
It shall not lye till I please again."

With that, the storm grew in intensity
never seen before in these parts of the world!
In Ireland, the Queen Witch of Kymru was for
the first time in her long life frightened
for she has finally met her match! Her
amulet enflamed beyond bearable pain and she
yanked it off to be free of it. Rendered
helpless, she beseeched the powers of her
magic but to no avail. The skies darkened,
the wind grew, the storm exploded into her
face with a sudden bolt of a huge lightning
which destroyed her remaining will and self.

A loud cry came over to Ireland by the
wind from England; it was a voice of triumph,
of laughter, of final glee, "Witch, you
would not stop meddling in the affairs of
men, you pretended to be the equal of I, you
wanted immortality! I shall give you the
latter, Witch!"

A terrible cry of agony and pain was
heard for miles around in the countryside
of Cashel, Ireland. People were scared to
death by the very sound of it! After that
cry, the vicious storm broke and a gentle
rain fell upon the land. The stars came out
twinkling of old, the moon shone brightly
once again and the earth was at peace.

Days later, local soldiers of the regime
of Scotland found a strange artifice in the
mountains near a pass made famous by battle,
Impassable Pass. There, a huge piece of
stone was to be seen standing byitself alone
in the inhabited wilderness. The land was
too poor to support people and so it remained
vastly unexplored. The stone wore a medal
near the top, much in the fashion of a
symbol of warning. It read:

"She who wanted to laugh can now
laugh for the rest of her
immortal existence. But, the
last laugh she'll never have."

It was rumored by the people that when
one would approach the isolated stone, a
faint laughter could be heard if one would
hold his breath and there was no wind in
the mountains. A laugh that made one shiver.

1974HN, Fall 1903

HOLLAND'S GOVERNMENT TO RAISE TROOPS FOR
SELF DEFENSE FROM WARRING NATIONS OF EUROPE!

Fall 1903:

AUSTRIA(Osmanson): F Aeg S Rus F Bul(ec)-Con,
A Tyr S Ita A Mun/otm/, A Alb-Ser, A Gre
H, A Ser-Bul

ENGLAND(Fujihara): F Nwy-Ska, A Edi-Nwy,
F Nth C A Edi-Nwy, F Bar S A Edi-Nwy

FRANCE(McKeon): F Mid-Naf, F Wes S F Mid-
Naf, A Spa-Mar, F Mar-Lyo, A Bur-Mun

GERMANY(Kelly): A Ruh S Fra A Bur-Mun,
A Ber S Fra A Bur-Mun/a/, A Kie S A Ber,
F Bal-Bot, F Swe S F Bal-Bot

ITALY(Tomnesen): A Mun-Kie/r/(Boh, OTB),
A Pie-Mar, F Tyn-Wes, A Naf S F Ion-Tun,
F Ion-Tun

RUSSIA(Blank): A Sil S A Pru-Ber, A Pru-Ber,
A StP S Ger F Swe-Nwy/sno/, A Mos S A
StP, F Bot-Bal/r/(Fin, Liv, OTB),
F Bul(ec)-Con

TURKEY(Davies): F Con S Rus F Bul/otm/,
A Smy S F Con, F Eas-Aeg

AUTUMN & WINTER 1903 Orders due Friday, July
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Fall 1903 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Hom, Ser, Gre (5) SP

England: Hom, Nwy (4) SP

France: Hom, Spa, Por, Mun (6) B1

Germany: ~~Per~~, Kie, Den, Bel, Swe (4) SP,
 lost 1

Italy: Hom, Tun, ~~Wah~~ (4) R1

Russia: Hom, Rum, Bul, Ber (7) B1

Turkey: Hom (3) SP

 1974HY, Spring 1903

HOLLAND'S GOVERNMENT TO RAISE TROOPS? THE
 ITALIANS INVADE DEEP AUSTRIAN TERRITORY!

COA: Wayne Callahan, c/o Wm. Nelson, 156
 Main St., Whitesboro, NY 13492.

Stand-by for England: Tom Cooper, 6192

Preston Haven, Dallas, TX 75230 and for

Germany: Steve Peluso, 955 Westcott, Apt 1,
 Houston, TX 77007.

Spring 1903:

AUSTRIA(Callahan): A Vie-Gal, A Bud S A Vie-
Gal, A Bul S Tur F Bla-Rum/nso/r/(Ser,
OTB), F Gre-Ion/a/

ENGLAND(Gemignani): NMR. F Nwg H, F Yor h

FRANCE(McLendon): F Lon S Ger F Nth, F
Eng-Wal, F Por-Mid, A Bur-Par, A Bre
S A Bur-Par, A Mar-Bur

GERMANY(Fanelli): NMR. F Hol, F Nth, A
Pic, A Bel, A Ruh, A Kie all hold

ITALY(Kendter): A Tri-Vie, A Ven-Tri, F
Adr S A Ven-Tri, A Alb-Gre, F Ion S
A Alb-Gre

RUSSIA(Gallagher): F Rum S F Sev-Bla,

F Sev-Bla, A Ukr-Sev, A Gal S Ita A
Tri-Vie/r/(Boh, Sil, War, Ukr, OTB),
F Nwy-Bar, F Ska-Nwy, A Swe-Holds

TURKEY(Cooper, J.): A Con-Bul, F Aeg S A
Con-Bul, F Bla S A Con-Bul/r/(Arm, Ank,
Con, OTB)

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Press--

Vienna: After having considered all the
 possibilities, and remembering that Russia
 was the first to attack the Austrian home-
 land, The Austrian leader has decided to
 commit our forces to the downfall of Russia.

Vienna to Constantinople: The Austrian
 Leader regrets that he cannot except your
 request that he resign. That's probably
 because he is an ass like you said.

Impassable to McLendon: Yes, I got your
 postcard from Moscow, Russia! When're you
 writing your experiences in Russia???

 1975G, Winter 1902

COUNTRIES OF EUROPE SAY THEY'RE FOR PEACE....

AUSTRIA(Hinmon): B A Vie

ENGLAND(Cooper, T.): D F Ska

FRANCE(Kirk): SP

GERMANY(Amer): B A Mun

ITALY(Young): SP

RUSSIA(Sabo): B A War

TURKEY(Kendter, Jr.): SP

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Winter 1902 Positons:

Austria: F Gre, F Alb, A Bul, A Bud, A Tri,
A Vie (6); England: F Cly, F Lon, A Wal, (3);

France: A Spa, F Iri, A Gas, A Pic, F Eng
(5); Germany: A Bur, A Ruh, A Mun, F Nth,

F Den, A Bel, (6); Italy: A Pie, A Apu, F
Ion, F Tyn (4); Russia: F Arm, A Rum, F
Bla, A Nwy, F Swe, F Bar, A War (7); Turkey:
A Con, F Ank, F Smy (3).

Press---

~~Secret~~ to France: "It was the best of times,
 it was the worst of times..."

~~Secret~~ to England: "He who hesitates is
 lost."

Saint Petersburg: Vladimer Ivanovich
 Lymanov, the new Minister of Internal Securi-
 ty, has been rumored to be outfitting an elite
 force for a special mission in the west.

The ministry has neither confirmed nor denied it; other details have not yet been forthcoming. It is felt, however, something very important is in the works.

1975T, Summer & Fall 1902

AUSTRIAN CANCER CONTINUES TO GROW BIGGER!

COA: Greg Warden, c/o SCAVI AMERICANI, Vescovado di Murlo (Siena), ITALY.

Stand-by: Edi Birsan, 35-35 75th St., Apt. 302, Jackson Hgts., NY 11372 for Italy.

Summer 1902: France R A Ruh-Hol

Fall 1902:

AUSTRIA(Mahler): A Tyr-Pie, A Ven-Rom, F Gre-Ion, A Gal-Sil, A Rum-Ukr, A Ser-Rum

ENGLAND(Drews): A Nwy-StP, F Bar S A Nwy-StP, F Nth-Den, F Edi-Nth

FRANCE(Lawson): F Spa(sc)-Wes, A Bel-Ruh, A Hol-Kie, A Bur-Mun, A Mar-Pie

GERMANY(Warden): A Ruh H, A Mun S A Ruh, A Kie S A Ruh, F Den-Nth

ITALY(Kutta): NMR. A Apu, F Nap, F Ion, A Tun all hold

RUSSIA(Lakofka): F Bot-StP, A Sil-War, A Mos S Howard Mahler-Singapore/imp/

TURKEY(Hulland): F Bla-Con, F Smy-Eas, A Sev S Aus A Rum-Ukr, A Arm S A Sev

WINTER 1902 Orders due Friday, July 4, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1902 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Hom, Ser, Gre, Rum, Rom (7) B1

England: Hom, Nwy, StP (5) B1

France: Hom, Spa, Bel, Hol (6) B1

Germany: Hom, Den (4) SP

Italy: Ven, ~~Nth~~, Nap, Tun (3) R1

Russia: Mos, War, ~~StP~~, ~~Sev~~ (2) R1, lost 1

Turkey: Hom, Bul, Sev (5) B1

Press--

The Return of the King and the Downfall of BirSauron (Chapter 15):

In a commanding tone, Arn the Cerulian Blue addresses the head guard of the Gates of the Golden Hall of Rohan, "Inquire within, whether we are to be left waiting like beggars at the door." The guard makes a hasty retreat inside before the unveiled majesty of the Wizard. He returns in about five minutes with the message, "Lord Lenoden himself bids you enter and grants you a brief audience."

And thus our three travellers enter a large hall along each of whose walls stands a row of royal guards. At the far end sit two men, the first on a throne and the

second on the steps at his feet. As the three men near the throne, the figure seated below it says in a voice as sweet and thick as molasses, "Well, what have we here? Master Lenoden, I think this marks a record low for rabble begging at your doors."

Arn can take no more and with a wave of his hand strikes Grega Wormtongue silent. Then Arn speaks himself and his voice is a clear mountain stream to cleanse the sticky residue left on the listeners' minds by Grega's voice. "The true master of this worm, calls him thus. For Grega Wormtongue serves Sarumora and not yourself."

Lenoden is shaken and commands, "Guard, fetch me my nephew from the cell where he was imprisoned on the advice of Grega. This charge against Grega needs more proof than just your word Arn. Do you have any evidence of his treachery?"

Arn replies in the voice of one who knows many things hidden to others, "If you desire proof, send a guard to search Grega's chambers."

Lenoden commands, "Let it be so!" Then a strange expression crosses his face as he remarks, "Ah, here comes my nephew."

Our three companions turn around as one, and then Howard exclaims, "Oh now! It's 'Hairy Druid!?!'"

Paris: Apparently the German defeat is due to their failing to drink enough beer to improve their intelligence so they could recognize their folly. What, don't you believe drinking beer makes you smarter? It has been proven; it made Bud weiser.

Moscow: Trying to stab everybody, huh, Howard? I do hope the others wake up in time to see the writing on the wall...

Boyerski--The Night Stalker, Chapter 4:

Chicago, April 11, 1975, 2:17 p.m.:

John Boyerski, arrived at the Cook County morgue to view the remains of Fred and Sue whose rotting bodies were reportedly found in a second floor newtown apartment.

"Morning, George. How's the dying business today?" offered John in his usual sick sense of humor. "It's bad, John! Did you see those two guys they brought in this morning from that restaurant?"

"No....I thought it was a married couple...." "So did the Police--the bodies were so horribly disfigured and shrivelled, but a quick inspection showed it wasn't true."

"Well, let me see them, then, George."

"It's slab 17A and 17B, John--I dn't want to look at them again."

John Boyerski had seen many horrid sights but few were as outright shocking as

what he saw on slab 17A of the Cook County Morgue. With a great effort he looked again... and also held down his taco and french fry lunch. The body was dark brown in color, the skin tightly pulled about the skeleton, an expression of horror, anguish and fear filled the wide-eyed face. The only other occasion on which he had seen such an expression was the time he saw a 3-year old bite into a pepperoni enchalata for the first time!

"It is bad, George. How long have they been dead?" "That's the strange part! Both bodies have been identified by fingerprints and dental work and they were both seen alive yesterday!....."

Lenoden stared at the foot of the dais where Magician Howey Mahler had stood a moment ago. King Perambulator stepped back from his young esquire a look of puzzled terror in his eyes. "What have you done, Leomund?"

"I...don't know! I just said be gone to your chamber and he went! I don't know!"

"What is that in your hand?"

"Oh this? It's...It's...." A strange pressure gripped Leomund. His words were forced, his breathing labored.... "I found it! It's min3! Do not try to take it at your peril!" Leomund recoiled at his own words. Such a tone with the King surely spelt death.

"Seize him!" Cried the King to his guards. "You will not have it! Damnation upon you all!" The very earth quaked and the castle shook. The room blackened and all stood in terror as the earth opened and Erehwon fell to depths unknown to living men.

"Save me!" Cried Leomund as the building collapsed in ruin.... But, Leomund was never seen again and as for salvation...we shall see! --To be continued

Blantor: The Fool, after managing to upset and conquer the First Foundation, has arrived at this planet to investigate and take action if necessary against rumors of a Second Foundation. The Second Foundation is said to be more into hyperbolas and hypnosis than it's vanquished counterpart.

--"What can you get me on the Fool? Anything will do, but I want it fast!"--

Fleedunka: Can anyone tell me the origin of this line: "Keep yourself alive,--"?

Error: Last issue, I used wrong name for England. Should have been James Carson. He did have an address change which was, other than name, reported correctly in last issue. Sorry!

Fall 1902:

AUSTRIA(Johnson): A Ser-Gre, F Alb S A Ser - Gre, A Bud-Ser

ENGLAND(Carson): F Nth-Den, F Ska S F Nth-Den, A Nwy-Swe, F Nwg-Nwy

FRANCE(Carlton): A Bel-Lon, F Eng C A Bel-Lon, A Par-Pic, F Spa(sc)-Mid, A Gas H

GERMANY(Eddy): F Den-Ska/r/(Hel, Bal, Kie, OTB), A Hol S A Ruh, A Ruh S A Hol

ITALY(Bettencourt): A Ven H, A Apu H, F Ion-Eas, F Tyn-Ion

RUSSIA(Goldston): F Sev-Arm, A Ukr-Sev, A Rum-Bul, A Vie H, F Swe S Ger FDen-Ska, F StP(nc)-Nwy, A Mos-Liv

TURKEY(Morphy): A Bul S Aus A Bud-Rum/nso/, A Con S A Bul, A Gre S A Bul/a/, F Aeg-Ion, F Ank-Bla

AUTUMN & WINTER 1902 Orders due Friday, July 4, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1902 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Tri, Bud, Ser, Gre (4) Bl

England: ~~Lpn~~, Lvp, Edi, Nwy, Den (4) SP

France: Hom, Spa, Por, Lon (6) Bl

Germany: Hom, ~~Den~~, Hol (4) SP

Italy: Hom, Tun (4) SP

Russia: Hom, Rum, Vie, Swe (7) SP

Turkey: Hom, Bul, ~~Gre~~ (4) SP, lost 1

Press--

Venice(AP): The official statement on the Italian naval forces in the Eastern Mediterranean was to escort the Syrian Camel Chip Throwing team to Syria after its forfeit on the match. All the team members were overcome by the stench...

Constantinople: Charlie the Turk recently released his "morning line" for 1975AF.

His list follows: Aus 49-1, Eng 6-1, Fra 8-5, Ger 15-1, Ita 9-1, Rus 6-5, Tur 24-1. Any comments?

Impassable: Yes, this game is quite unpredictable! All attempts, even mathematical theories have failed to produce end results from early or middle game positions!

An Austrian, an Italian and a Smogarian all applied for the same job. The job called for someone to ten 1,000 sheep halfway up a high mountain. All three went up for a go at it. The second day, the Austrian came down; he couldn't stand the smell, the next day the Italian came down; he couldn't stand the

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FRANCE STABS POOR ENGLAND IN THE BACK!

smell either. The fourth day, the one thousand sheep came down....

1975CS, Spring 1901

WAR BREAKS OUT IN EUROPE! TWO NAVAL BATTLES OCCUR IN ENGLISH CHANNEL AND BLACK SEA! WAR!

AUSTRIA(Leppert): F Tri-Alb, A Bud-Ser,
A Vie-Tri

ENGLAND(Strittmatter): F Lon-Eng, A Lvp-Yor,
F Edi-Nth

FRANCE(Stephens): F Bre-Eng, A Par-Gas,
A Mar-Spa

GERMANY(McDonald): F Kie-Den, A Mun-Ruh,
A Ber-Kie

ITALY(Leahy): A Rom-Apu, F Nap-Ion, A Ven H

RUSSIA(Albano): F StP(sc)-Bot, A War-Gal,
A Mos-Ukr, F Sev-Bla

TURKEY(Dalman): A Smy-Arm, A Con-Bul,
F Ank-Bla

FALL 1901 Orders due Friday, July 4, 1975
at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press--

Paris, France: The French Foreign Ministry announced today that it had decided on a policy of "anschluss," oops!....liberation, no...perhaps, reunification? Aw, what the hell, France wants to get its greedy, grubby hands on the Iberian peninsula in toto.

Garrulous government sources further stated that Gaul's gracious glove of European joy and love was extended to all her dear sister states. In the afternoon sun of European peace, millions of Frenchmen shout, "Viva la France! Viva la belle France!" And those in high-ranking positions mutter Emily Dickinson's line, "Nothing gold can stay."

With a new president, a new constitution and a new republic; the French cheerfully greet the 20th century much as a housewife greets Spring with her spring cleaning. Ah, well; with gallic shurg--"C'est la l'amour, C'est la vie, C'est la guerre!"

Vatican City, Rome: Pope Leo XIII today urged world leaders to constantly strive for peace through diplomacy, prayer and mutual understanding.

Immigration men are knowledgeable. They are pretty clever guys. This one fellow in particular has a little trick. He asks: "What's your nationality?" "American." "American, huh? Do you know the words to the Star Spangled Banner?" "No, I don't." "Okay, you're an American, go in."

LETTER COLUMN

From John Baker:

...."If the STAR TREK movie is a success, the TV series will be revived. They were considering getting another alien like Spock but the makeup and time consumed applying it was too expensive.

Whatever happened to the Postal Dippy Tourney proposed by Paul Boymel in DW I, 1? Did anything ever come of it? I doubt it, as I haven't heard anything of it and I understand that Paul has recently dropped out of the hobby, but why doesn't someone revive it as a multi-zine arrangement? You seem to have something of the sort (I am going by your mention of a Championship Game) but this is apparently a one-zine thing. Referring again to DIPLOMACY WORLD I,1, I suggest that the idea be revived, though it should be biennial rather than annual; three rounds in one year is out of the question, and it might have to be triennial. Why don't you run something in the next IMPASSABLE about this? I would be willing to be either or both administrators, unless, as Paul put it, "a more experienced player were to desire to perform both administrative tasks." I would suggest these modifications to his outline:

Two games in the first round (see A., 1. in his outline). The entry fee would be used strictly for the prize fund (see B.) Several scoring systems might be proposed and, probably after the tourney has started, be voted on by the players, the plurality winning. (C.)

(D. 1.) is very much optional, and probably not even desirable. This should be a simple tournament, and I do not see how IDA sponsorship would help in any way; the gamefees would be separate from the entry fee, and the only expense I can think of (other than postage, which the administrators will probably waive) would be the prize fund, which would be paid for by the entry fees. IDA sponsorship might well bog it down in a hobby-wide debate.

Note that gamesmasters could run and consider this as just another game; after all, there are always openings, and all this would do would be to keep people from playing in more than two tournament games. If gamesmasters supported it, I don't think that the tournament would have any trouble.

Well, what do you think? Is it worth a try?"

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WHY FEDERATE?

BY LEW PULSIPHER

IDA has an international problem to solve: what can be done to be sure that people of areas of the world other than North America don't become dissatisfied with the IDA structure. There are two vital conditions to be considered. First, there is a fear of American domination in Dippy fandom in other countries. Probably most of us in NA laugh at this as unrealistic and unfounded, but it is there and it must be taken into account. Second, there are limitations of mail service (speed or expense) which make it impractical for there to be much interaction between countries (or more accurately, mailing regions) at the lower or "grass roots" level. The North American Diplomacy Players' Survey results indicate that no more than 5% of the total of non-publishing NA players read any overseas zine regularly. Even among those who do, the average is less than four per person.

Unfortunately, "international" has become a magic word to some people. There are realistic measures that can be taken to promote international cooperation, but an attempt to bring fandom together at the lower levels is doomed (as we have seen), even now when most of us speak some form of English. Few seem to be thinking of what will happen when there are hundreds of postal Dip players who do not speak English at all. The effort at the lower level, that is, with a large proportion of hobbyists including many non-publishers, is doomed because the basic activity in Dippydom is playing DIPLOMACY, and international games are very expensive and time-consuming. When players become active in large numbers who don't speak English well enough to play comfortably in that language, this will be even more the case.

An "International Diplomacy Review" is not a solution, it is a straw grasped by those who still think of the word "international" as an invocation or incantation. What is there to talk about? The average Joe Dip-player, even many publishers, just doesn't have any stake in anything in the hobby outside of his little circle of zines and friends, and there is no reason why he should have. Once he has satisfied his needs, why bother with elsewhere? It's just a goddamn hobby, not a way of life. To a few of us the hobby IS almost a way of life, but we lifers must remember that most other people think differently.

There are two types of material which could be of interest to persons of more than one mailing region. First would be general news of the hobby, articles such as Pete Birks' in the latest Diplomacy World, etc.--all material that ought to go to the largest circulation zine in the hobby, and the one (I think) a Britisher said was the only real international zine, Diplomacy World. The second type of material would be the same kind of thing one finds in Council Courier and Queen Victoria's Funeral pertaining to administration of international programs and to the creation of new programs and services. Now how many fans are interested in this kind of thing? 25? 15? Certainly not enough to justify the expense of sending the material to all IDA members in an international Diplomacy Review. What will most people do with such a thing? Glance at it, maybe read a few things, forget it, waste it, that's all. And we still have the language problem--what do we do when we have 40 German-speaking and 40 French-speaking members? An international DR would help their leaders (who, I would guess, will be likely to speak English competently) but it won't do a thing for most of them.

I favor a federal structure for IDA (hereafter referred to as International Diplomacy Federation to differentiate it from regional orgs). Federation will permit each mailing-language region to handle its own affairs with minimal interference and no fear of domination by Americans or others. If the British fear American domination, what will the Germans or French or Spanish think? At least British and North Americans all speak versions of the same language, and have close cultural-historical ties. As each mailing-language region is introduced to DIPLOMACY, as the Germans recently were, then the IDF (and not the North American DA, which is what it has been in effect up to now) can encourage the new people to form their own organization. This doesn't preclude help from the more developed regions: they can offer to help in various ways, but they should never try to force their aid on new regions. One of the British-NA problems has been that Edi Birsan and a few others have tried to force their help and participation in the affairs of the British Region, and naturally the British have reacted somewhat negatively to this ignorant interference. Germans French, etc., won't act differently, either. It is abundantly clear from the British experience that IDA-F cannot hope to incorporate new people directly into the NA IDA, and

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that, even when an autonomous region is established the older regions will have to lean over backwards to try (probably unsuccessfully) to calm the fears of the new region.

In the federal structure, each region would look out for its own internal affairs. This would extend to the form of government-administration--there would be no requirement that the IDA region would have to have elections or anything else. It would not be possible for the IDF to completely avoid some interference in internal affairs because the IDF Council would have to decide which group, if any, to recognize as IDA for that region. Each region would select (in whatever way it chose) representatives for the International Council (which would, in case it is not clear, be completely separate from the North American Council). Each region would contribute funds to the Council in proportion to the number of representatives it was entitled to. The number of representatives per region would be considered according to the population of the region, or perhaps to the postal Dip-playing population of the region, not to the number of members. Number of members depends too much on the kind of structure involved in the regional organization, dues levels, etc. No one wants to see membership lists padded just so that a region can have more reps. No one wants to force regional organizations to recruit warm bodies in order to look good. The only requirement would be that the regional organization be the most representative group in that region that wished to join IDF.

There would have to be some kind of matching of number of reps with populations which would prevent dominance by a large region such as NA, yet would avoid the UN mini-state problem. One means might be to have the largest one-third of the regional organizations to have 3 reps, the middle third two reps, and the lower third to have one rep. For now, with only two regions, both would get three reps. The reps could also be officers of the region, but not necessarily so. These reps would be the IDF Council. They would elect a chairman and an editor (not necessarily from among themselves). These jobs might be combined. Probably a rep of the largest regional org would serve as temporary chairman. Terms for reps would be set by the regional organizations. The editor would publish a zine with the deliberations of the Council, to be available for comments and subs to anyone. This would serve as a kind of international DR, but only those people interested in international affairs would receive it, with non-Council members subscribing to it as they would to any other zine. The Council would be a forum for discussing, creating, and supporting international projects and services. Just as IDA regional organizations serve as instruments for recruiting workers, the IDF would recruit workers for international projects.

People in unorganized regions could join nearby organized regions until their own area becomes organized.

I sometimes wonder about the flap for international cooperation. I see little evidence of real effort in some phases of the hobby to promote international cooperation in the most logical manner. For example, someone familiar with most NA zines (I am not), and with British tastes insofar as they differ from our own, could write a detailed review-description of them and send it to the IDA/UK so that the latter can get it published with the largest circulation obtainable. The reverse could be done with publication in DW. I'm sure more subs and even trades would be started if only people knew what they were missing. Right now, it is virtually impossible to get any useful information about the British hobby from American zines, and I suspect the situation is about the same in Britain for the American hobby. Most people have too much inertia to start digging around to get information--you have to put it in a very accessible place (like DW) or they just won't bother.

The only way we can possibly become the big happy family that Birsan seems to envision is from the top down. Attempts to further alter the non-federal structure will disappoint the British, disturb the Americans, and still force another revision when non-English-speaking people become a large section of the hobby... The end.

((Comments from this Editor: I largely agree with the substance of Lew's article. I have myself urged federation of IDA to make it truly international in fact as in name. My only basic differences with Lew is in the structure of IDF's International Council. I feel that membership on the Council as such should be on a one-for-one basis with each organized region having a representative. I feel that having more than 10 will cause problems in the deliberations of such an international council. It is difficult enough now for the NA Council to act by the postal system with its 12 or so members! But, the point has been well made. IDA does need to become federated. I would also welcome a separate Canadian regional organization since they are now a region represented on the NA Council.))

LETTERS, CONTINUED

((Anyone out there with his own ideas, please forward them to this Editor and I'll print them. My opinions on this are that any such tournament's main problems would be its length and the need for many gamesmasters to be involved since we couldn't limit the tournament to just a few games. Any such tournament, furthermore, should be a type of elimination, I should think, thus requiring perhaps more than 3 games. Any ideas? Send them in! My own Championship game, by the way, is for the winners/best players of the first seven novice games. It is now waiting the conclusion of the last of the first seven: 1972BW.))

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From Rod Walker:

"I do not mind people talking about what I'm doing. I am annoyed, however, when the talk is wholly inaccurate.

While it is true that I am copywriting my 'zine, I wish you had had the kindness to note that I have in writing declared the copyright null and void with respect to all postal Diplomacy publishers (with 5 named exceptions).

Your "invitational publishers group" would be unnecessary if people in the hobby simply realized that reprint rights between 'zines should be and (with a few exceptions) are virtually unlimited.

However, I think the idea has merit. I would certainly be willing to join if you got started, and to help the initial formation. I do not approve of copyright as a means of preventing reprint. I do approve of it as a method of protecting a financial interest...but in this hobby, that excuse is not likely to be valid in most instances." ((So far, Rod is the only publisher to have commented to me in letter about my proposed organization in last issue of Impassable. Any others are interested? Let me know!))

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From Henry Kelley:

I read your comment to Alex Sabo in Impassable, #51, p. 2, regarding Larry Peery.

I, too, had the apparent misfortune of ordering his STPD series. I did receive two chapters that I ordered prior to the order in June 1974.

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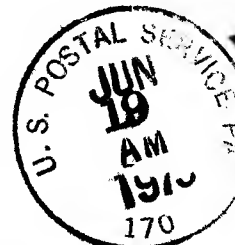
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If it is any help I'm enclosing copies of each letter I sent Larry and the answer I finally got from him. I'm also enclosing a copy of the original advertisement Larry was selling under.....I don't know how many people are out money due to this charade, but it's a reasonable bet that a good percentage of them are "new blood" to the hobby. Hardly the kind of introduction we should be putting out....."

((I cut out a lot of his letter which just explained the stuff he mailed to me. Too bad, but I don't have space to print these letters. Unfortunately, what Henry has experienced is the direct result of a once active publisher who has left the hobby.

The advertisement, I believe, would have come from writing to Larry via the list of names in the Diplomacy gamebox, right? Well, I know nothing of Larry's activities since I haven't received anything from him since last summer. If anyone has further info on Larry, write in!))

Sorry for the lack of other features, but it seems that the games took up more space than usual, but don't worry, we'll catch up with our special July 4th edition! If you have anything to say, write in and contribute to the special issue! More letters, articles, features, chapters on Dippyworld and Solitary Confinement, etc. will all be in next issue--we will not run out of space! So, stick with us for next issue!



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